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In re application of

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR HIGH SPEED, HIGH VOLUME TABULATION OF  
DATA

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A method for data tabulation processing of a data file having a plurality of records in a plurality of data fields, comprising:

i) a pre-processing stage in which, for each individual data field, each distinct data value is identified and allocated a numerical identifier unique for that field, wherein the preprocessing stage includes generating from said data file a mapping file which stores a correspondence between each of the distinct data values in the fields and the corresponding numerical identifiers; and